

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) An isolated peptide that immunospecifically binds to a monoclonal antibody ~~obtained in response to immunizing an animal with that~~ immunospecifically binds to *Streptococcus pneumoniae* pneumococcal surface adhesion A protein (PsaA), wherein the peptide is a multiple antigenic peptide.
2. (Withdrawn) The peptide of claim 1, wherein the peptide comprises residues whose sequence is chosen from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:5, SEQ ID NO:6, SEQ ID NO:7, SEQ ID NO:8, SEQ ID NO:9, SEQ ID NO:10, and immunogenic fragments thereof.
3. (Withdrawn) The peptide described in claim 2, wherein the multiple antigenic peptide has arms comprising SEQ ID NO:5.
4. (Withdrawn) The peptide described in claim 2, wherein the multiple antigenic peptide has arms comprising SEQ ID NO:6.
5. (Withdrawn) The peptide described in claim 2, wherein the multiple antigenic peptide has arms comprising SEQ ID NO:7.
6. (Withdrawn) The peptide described in claim 2, wherein the multiple antigenic peptide has arms comprising SEQ ID NO:8.
7. (Withdrawn) The peptide described in claim 2, wherein the multiple antigenic peptide has arms comprising SEQ ID NO:9.

8. (Withdrawn) The peptide of claim 2, wherein the multiple antigenic peptide has arms comprising SEQ ID NO:10.

9. (Withdrawn) The peptide of claim 2, wherein the multiple antigenic peptide has at least one first arm comprising SEQ ID NO:5 and at least one second arm comprising SEQ ID NO:6.

10. (Withdrawn) The peptide of claim 2, wherein the multiple antigenic peptide has at least one first arm comprising SEQ ID NO:5 and at least one second arm comprising SEQ ID NO:9.

11. (Currently amended) ~~The peptide of claim 1~~ An isolated multiple antigenic peptide, wherein the multiple antigenic peptide has at least one first arm comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5, at least one second arm comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 6, and at least one third arm comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 7.

12. (Withdrawn) The peptide of claim 2, wherein the multiple antigenic peptide has at least one first arm comprising SEQ ID NO: 5, at least one second arm comprising SEQ ID NO: 9, and at least one third arm comprising SEQ ID NO: 10.

13. (Withdrawn) A peptide that immunospecifically binds to a monoclonal antibody obtained in response to immunizing an animal with *Streptococcus pneumoniae* PsaA, wherein the peptide is lipidated.

14. (Withdrawn) The peptide described in claim 13, wherein the peptide is lipidated with monopalmitic acid.

15. (Withdrawn) A method for conferring protective immunity in a subject against *S. pneumoniae* infection, said method comprising the step of administering to the subject a therapeutic composition comprising one or more peptides that immunospecifically bind to a monoclonal antibody obtained in response to immunizing an animal with *Streptococcus pneumoniae* PsaA and that are immunogenic against *S. pneumoniae*, wherein the one or more peptides comprise a multiple antigenic peptide.

16. (Withdrawn) The method described in claim 15, wherein the multiple antigenic peptide has arms comprising SEQ ID NO:5.

17. (Withdrawn) The method described in claim 15, wherein the multiple antigenic peptide has arms comprising SEQ ID NO:6.

18. (Withdrawn) The method described in claim 15, wherein the multiple antigenic peptide has arms comprising SEQ ID NO:7.

19. (Withdrawn) The method described in claim 15, wherein the multiple antigenic peptide has at least one first arm comprising SEQ ID NO:5, at least one second arm comprising SEQ ID NO:6, and at least one third arm comprising SEQ ID NO:7.

20. (Withdrawn) The method described in claim 15, wherein the multiple antigenic peptide has at least one first arm comprising SEQ ID NO:5, at least one second arm comprising SEQ ID NO:9, and at least one third arm comprising SEQ ID NO:10.